

The Discoverer

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First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus
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Our Mission Statement

We are here:

To learn and practice true hospitality
To revere the reasoning mind and the generous heart
To claim our diversity as a source of our strength, and
To relinquish the safety of our unexamined privilege for
the freedom to engage in transforming justice.

Do you ever feel like you don't recognize the world we live in? Every day headlines blurt news of tectonic shifts in what we once considered truth, trust, honor, decency...almost all of the new "reality" I find well, let me just say, hard to swallow. However, when I take a step back, cracking open the "we've-always-done-it-this-way" and "this-is-how-it-is" approach is not totally bad. The cracks have been pushed or forced open by any number of marginalized people and groups; Black Lives Matter, Me-too, immigrant's rights movements, and more. Maybe it is because the awfulness of keeping things the same have increasingly become the next level of intolerable.

It doesn't have to be this way. When I look at the change that people are asking for, of course. Why haven't we already done that? What is our stake in keeping some people on the margins?

I live in a neighborhood with a lot of diversity. It is not fake news that some people are struggling just to make it. I'm sure their issues are found across the entire city. I can see them in the statistics. I can research the causes. I can imagine all sorts of intersecting factors. I can imagine what it might take to fix whatever is not right. Problem is, when I'm too much in my head, I run the risk of not seeing my neighbor as a person, a fellow human being.

Don't get me wrong. Using my head is good. It gives me knowledge and structure needed to help me learn the issues. And at the same time, if I fail to also use my heart and my feet, then I have to calculate the degree of my inaction into the increasing marginalization of my neighbors. Yes, I could write, lecture, and research – all of which are important – but I also need to invoke a sense of curiosity to listen to stories and practice empathy to walk in someone else's shoes. I've met the most interesting people that way.

I can't just know something. If I want to see change, I also have to do something. Another way of looking at it is, how has my knowledge made someone's life better? To do this, I need not only my head, but also my heart and my feet.

I'm curious about your stories of how you engage with your neighbors, including those at church, who are not like you. If you hear a story that moves you, is there something you could do to make it better? Can you crack open the "always-done-it-that-way" narrative?

Can we work together to make it better?

Blessings,
Rev. Marian



LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Sometimes someone else says what I want to say much better than I can. In this case, I offer you the words of my friend and colleague the Rev. Dana Worsnop:



Often people say that they love coming to a place with so many like-minded people.

I know just what they are getting at – and I know that they aren't getting it quite right.

I don't want to be with a bunch of people who think just like me.

I want to be in a beloved community where I don't have to think like everyone else to be loved, to be eligible for salvation.

I want to be with people who value compassion, justice, love and truth, though they have different thoughts and opinions about all sorts of things.

I want to be with independent-minded people of good heart.

I want to be with people who have many names and no name at all for God.

I want to be with people who see in me goodness and dignity, who also see my failings and foibles, and who still love me.

I want to be with people who feel their inter-connection with all existence and let it guide their footfalls upon the earth.

I want to be with people who see life as a paradox and don't always rush to resolve it.

I want to be with people who are willing to walk the tight rope that is life and who will hold my hand as I walk mine.

I want to be with people who let church call them into a different way of being in the world.

I want to be with people who support, encourage and even challenge each other to higher and more ethical living.

I want to be with people who inspire one another to follow the call of the spirit.

I want to be with people who covenant to be honest, engaged and kind, who strive to keep their promises and hold me to the promises I make.

I want to be with people who give of themselves, who share their hearts and minds and gifts.

I want to be with people who know that human community is often warm and generous, sometimes challenging and almost always a grand adventure.

In short, I want to be with people like you.

What about you?

In shared faith, appreciation and challenge,

Rev. Eric

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GROWTH AND CHANGE

Elizabeth Mount, Director of Religious Exploration

As we move into this month's contemplation theme, we are looking at how people are shaped, how we create our character, and what it means to form and be formed. We are the sum of all that we begin as and all that we have taken in...our experiences are what define us. In religious education particularly, we are recalled again and again to the idea set forth by the UU religious educator Angus McLean that "the method is the message." What he meant, and what I am reminded of every time I teach and learn among our people, is that the way that we make our promises of covenant, how we behave when they are broken and need repair, and what we do to begin again in love or with mistrust are what shape us and the congregation.

Every bit of what makes our adult church is also what our children learn from and grow into: our love, our words, our behavior. And therefore it matters more than you could imagine if the children see you in services AND in the Religious Education classroom. It matters how you speak to them and how they notice you speaking to one another in Fellowship Hall. So there is opportunity for each of us.

What makes you light up with wonder? What do you hope the next generation will become? What values spark the fire of commitment in your heart? And then, let us imagine how to communicate the answers we find with the sparkle in our eyes, the spring in our steps, and the dedication in how we show up to this congregation. Thus, may we be blessed to be the teachers of one another, and of our Youth.

In faith,
Elizabeth Mount

Touchstones Theme: Formation

"If life were an art lesson, we could describe it as a process of finding how to turn this mud into that porcelain, this discord into that sonata, this ugly stone block into that statue, this tangle



of threads into that tapestry. In fact, however, the stakes are higher than in any art lesson. It is in the school of ...[life] that we find ourselves enrolled and the artifact that is being made is ourselves."

J. I. Packer



"But unless we are creators we are not fully alive. What do I mean by creators? Not only artists, whose acts of creation are the obvious ones of working with paint or clay or words. Creativity is a way of living life, no matter our vocation or how we earn our living. Creativity is not limited to the arts, or having some kind of important career."

Madeleine L'Engle

Join us in exploring the theme of Formation

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Seth Kraut, Board Chair

In Jean Paul Sartre's book, *No Exit*, hell is other people. That seems excessive, but other people can be challenging. I have a three-year-old and a five-year-old; it can be very challenging. Mostly, we deal with this by not truly engaging with others. When people ask "How are you?" the answer is always "Fine." And, to answer differently, is to breach protocol. We get by this way, but our relationships end up superficial.

At SYC, they engage and name children's emotions even when it's uncomfortable. It's something I've now done with my children. Even when I find the stated reason behind their feelings ridiculous, I still empathize with them and help them work through their feelings. For one thing, often times, my children are not primarily upset about what they say and think they are. As a parent, you're able to see the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

It's strange that I extend so much empathy to my children, but extend far less to other people in my life, including myself. With my children, I try to step outside of myself to understand their thoughts and feelings. With adults, I have a very different standard, and I usually get caught up in my thoughts and feelings.

None of us know how to do life. We're all trying the best we can. We all deserve more empathy. In our church, we engage with difficult issues like race, and how we as a congregation can make a small dent in the injustice of it. These are big discussions, and we deserve more than the usual amount of understanding and empathy as we work through them together.

Amanda Hays' sermon on Beloved Conversations was terrific. I'm confident that the Beloved Conversations program will be, too. It sounds like much of it will be working through difficult conversations together to deal with race and ethnicity.

Our Town Halls are another a chance to learn to have deeper conversations. Our first Town Hall is October 7, and Town Halls will continue on the first Sunday of the month through the church year. It will start after first service and continue after second service. I hope you'll come and try this out with us. My hope is that we learn to engage big issues together with understanding and empathy.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Susan Rosigno, Co-Director

Parenting is a hard job, and it's even harder when you feel like you're doing it alone. Having a supportive community can really help, especially during the most difficult times. At SYC, we help parents establish that community by offering many opportunities for families to get together, get to know each other, and share their struggles and successes. In October, each class has a family breakfast or lunch where they can eat and mingle with other families. Each class also has a Parent/Caregiver Coffee which provides parents a safe time and place away from kids to talk about what's working for them, what's not working, and where they hope to go from here. SYC teachers and directors are always available to listen, share our own stories, and make outside referrals if necessary. Where do you find your parenting community?



MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Nathan Hamm, First UU's well-known accompanist and pianist, will give a solo recital entitled "Resurrection" on **Friday, October 12 at 7:30pm**, in the Worship Center.

About his recital Nathan says: "Resurrection: a term usually associated with the rising of Christ from the dead. It can also mean a soul that achieves a spiritual awakening after a reclusive state of death-like slumber. For a journey depicting that of a soul sunken into despair, stuck in Limbo, and eventually reaping the rewards of awakening, I, with my performance of the music of Bach, Chopin, Scriabin, Schoenberg and Beethoven, hope to bring you a deeply satisfying musical experience."

Along with playing at First UU, Nathan is the accompanist for the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus, the Delaware Chorus, and various high schools.

FORMATION

Amanda Hays, Ministerial Intern

In my *Beloved Conversations* sermon last week, I talked about the Creative Process, as described by Process Theologian Henry Wieman. The Creative Process happens whenever people really communicate and listen to each other enough to be changed by each others' ideas. This change results in experiencing the world differently, noticing things that they never noticed before – and it creates a deeper community between these people who have engaged in the Creative Process together.

The Creative Process is not the only type of process in Process Theology. It is called *Process* Theology because its central idea is that processes are more fundamental than objects – or as Ta-Nehisi Coates puts it in *Between the World and Me*, "the preferences of the universe itself: verbs over nouns, actions over states, struggle over hope" (p. 48). Process Philosophy, from which Process Theology is derived, revolutionized the way that western philosophers and scientists thought about the world.

We often think of children and youth as growing and changing, but there is an implication in the phrase "grown-up" that perhaps adults have completed their formation. But through the lens of Process Theology, we see that no one – and nothing – is totally static and unchanging. Instead, we are the firing of neurons, the coordinating of organs, the communicating between cells, the functioning of organelles within cells, the bonding and repelling of atoms, the moving of subatomic particles. And all of a person's processes combine to participate in even larger processes, such as being-a-family-together, or doing-church or society-ing.

Sitting at my desk as I write these words, I feel like my body is one distinct physical object that is basically the same from one day to the next, but each time I breathe, many of the atoms that make up that body leave and others enter. Each day, about $1/365^{\text{th}}$ of the atoms in my body are different than the day before. Perhaps it's not that I am Amanda but that "Amanda-ing" is happening.

So we are always in formation, always in action, always in process.

Peace and Love,
Amanda Hays (she/her), Ministerial Intern



BREAD (*Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity*, 614-220-9363, www.breadcolumbus.com, www.facebook.com/breadorganization) is Central Ohio's congregation-based, multi-faith community organization founded by First UU and ten other congregations over 20 years ago. On May 7, over 2500 people, including 313 from First UU, showed up at BREAD's annual Nehemiah Action to hold local decision-makers accountable for evidence-based solutions to the problems we see in our community.

BREAD's Fall Listening Process is underway! Each BREAD congregation in Central Ohio is holding small group meetings at which people share the problems that are weighing heaviest on their hearts. This is the first step in our process for choosing a new community problem to work on and helps further ground our ongoing campaigns in the actual experiences of our community. At BREAD listening sessions, we explore how we can build the people-power needed to address the problems we surface.

First UU's BREAD Team is holding a number of listening sessions in the coming weeks:

- Sunday, September 30, 1:00-2:30 pm, Room 8; Chris Johnson
- Tuesday, October 2, 7:00-8:30 pm, Room A-B; Chris Johnson
- Sunday, October 7, 1:00-2:30 pm, Room 8; Alice Rathburn
- Sunday, October 7, 1:00-2:30 pm, Library; Rev. Jef Gamblee
- Saturday, October 13, 10:00-11:30 pm, Room 8; Alice Rathburn
- Sunday, October 14, 1:00-2:30 pm, Room 8; Stephen Lovejoy
- Sunday, October 14, 1:00-2:30 pm, Library, Sue Carter
- Tuesday, October 16, 7:00-8:30 pm, Room 8; Stephen Lovejoy

You can sign up at the BREAD table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, or by letting a team member know. Please also let us know if none of these times work for you, and we'll work something out with you. We want your input into this process!

We have two additional upcoming BREAD opportunities:

1. BREAD's affordable housing campaign will be speaking at the Columbus City Council meeting on **Monday, October 1**, to encourage the Council to use a \$1 million tax credit for housing for those who most need it. Meet at City Hall (90 W Broad St) at 6pm. We will be near the end of the agenda. Carpooling from the BREAD office (at Trinity Lutheran, 404 S 3rd St.) at 5:30. Please come to show your support.
2. Save the date: Restorative Practices Community Summit, **Thursday, November 1**, 6-8pm, location to be announced. Learn more about this transformative approach to relationship building and conflict resolution in our schools and beyond.

Alice Rathburn, eulala1905@me.com, 614-895-2109 or 614-563-0536
Chris Johnson, chris@underspecified.com, 614-946-1287

Interfaith Association of Central Ohio Social Justice Projects: UUs Invited to Participate



First UU has been a member of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) for several years, and IACO's justice projects are expanding. Folks from many faiths come together to advocate for and drive positive change. Here is a brief list of current programs:

One ID Columbus Program - Advocating for those without legal identification: Many in Columbus “live in the shadows” lacking legal photo IDs. This project is pressing for a city-sponsored photo ID that will be accepted all over the area. Possible beneficiaries are: vulnerable populations such as elderly, victims of domestic violence, transgender and other LGBTQ individuals, the homeless, immigrants (undocumented or otherwise), those re-entering society from prison/jail, and others.

Ohio Coalition for Common Sense: “Giffords – The Courage to Fight Gun Violence” - Advocating for safer communities: A national initiative of former Congresswoman Gabrielle (Gabby) Giffords and her husband retired astronaut and Navy Captain Mark Kelly is pressing for reasonable laws towards gun registration and other requirements.

Interfaith March for Peace and Justice - Advocating for Peace: Hundreds of members of different faiths came together this past March, and the previous April in Columbus to express the concern of the interfaith community regarding Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, and other hate-based actions in Central Ohio and elsewhere. This year the march expanded from Columbus alone to 12 cities in the U.S. and four countries. The September 22, 2019 March will be even bigger. Organizing for this event is already getting underway.

Serving Meals at Van Buren Homeless Shelter - Advocating for the Homeless: Some 45+ members of IACO, including a number from First UU, have been serving monthly third Sunday evening meals to residents of the Van Buren Shelter in Franklinton. Aside from serving delicious meals to homeless families, participants get to know and better understand members of a number of different faiths.

Care and Share Time Bank (CSTB) - Advocating for the wellbeing of our community: IACO is an Affiliate and a Sponsor of the CSTB, a community-building organization whose members provide services to each other in exchange for “time credits,” which represent one hour of an activity, regardless of the type of activity involved. Members span diverse populations. Potlucks for members are held at First UU on the third Sunday of each month.

Habitat for Humanity - Advocating for homeless: Representatives of a number of faith communities come together as teams to help build homes for the homeless. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know others and to make a real difference in the lives of the disadvantaged in our community.

Interfaith Service Project: - Advocating for youthful recent arrivals: There are thousands of refugee and immigrant families in the Columbus area. Their children frequently attend public schools with ESL (English as a Second Language) programs. IACO helps to make them comfortable with our culture and our language through monthly luncheons matching adults (or college-age students) with a small group of students of various ages. This year we will be at the Mifflin High School for pizza lunches in an informal atmosphere.

Interested in participating in any of these programs, and getting to know IACO and members of other faiths?

For Information contact Michael Greenman, IACO Social Justice Moderator: 614-898-5825;

mgreenmanoh@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Can We Talk About Faith? Begins on Wednesday, October 10, 7pm. This eight-week course is for members and friends of First UU. We will discuss: the rich theological history of UUism, traditional and non-traditional theological terms, the Seven Principles, and our own religious/spiritual leanings. Led by Rev. Eric Meter and Sylvia Howe. Register by contacting:



Rev. Eric Meter, ericm@firstuucolumbus.org
614-267-4946, x 23
Sylvia Howe, sylhowe42@gmail.com
978-317-0013

Beloved Conversations Sign up for this small-group program that helps congregations talk about race and ethnicity. It starts with a retreat, then we have small group sessions every other week for eight sessions. Retreat: **Friday, October 5**, 6pm-9pm (dinner included) and **Saturday, October 6**, 8:30am-5pm (breakfast and lunch included). Childcare provided. \$75, scholarships available.

Amanda Hays, 616-350-1409
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Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 22, 2-5pm. Setup at 1:15pm, dinner at 2pm. By Sunday, November 18, we'll need to know how many will be in your party, what dish you will bring, and whether you can help with setup or cleanup. Cleanup is at 4pm. We need someone to make sure all cleanup and dishes are done. We'll also have our Gratitude Tree and talent show. All are welcome. \$5 donation. **We also need three turkeys**, which can be cooked at church if desired. (Some reimbursement can be received.)

Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176,
jeanni1954@gmail.com

The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government is holding multiple Candidate Forums this fall. One of these will be at the Northland Performing Arts Center on October 23. First UU co-sponsors this forum with the Northland Community Council. Since the Council provides the location, **First UU will provide food, beverage and volunteers** for the Meet and Greet portion of the forum as well as volunteers at the forum. If you wish to volunteer that night or by providing finger foods or beverage, please sign up in Fellowship Hall after the service or contact: Marilyn Webster, 614-519-8178

Words, words, words! First Sunday of the month, 6-8pm, in Fellowship Hall. Join us to celebrate words—a poem, joke, essay, etc. It'll be a different topic each month. October, is Ohio poetry month, so do one item (no longer than five minutes, please). Sign up with:

Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176,
jeanni1954@gmail.com

Wanted: Friendly Faces and a Welcoming Spirit! Would you like to be part of the Welcoming Team on Sunday mornings? We need to fill vacancies for volunteer *greeter* positions at both the Visitor Center and at the front and back doors, both services. Time commitment: 30 minutes before the service and, for the Visitor Center, an additional 15 minutes after the service. *Once a month...that's it.*

Paula Egbert, 614-271-7852
begbert657@aol.com

Entertainment Books Start enjoying discount coupons to a variety of places, including restaurants, bakeries, sports shops, golf courses, symphony, etc. Available Sunday mornings through mid-December. \$30 per book; \$7.50 goes to the Coming of Age group. Karin Erickson, 614-834-3988

UU Dance Fellowship Mondays, 7pm, in Fellowship Hall. Hour-long lesson at 7pm; open dance 8-9:30pm. \$5, or whatever you can. Dancing includes ballroom and swing. Beginners especially welcome! No partner needed. Lately, the class has been all men, so women, please join us; you all would really be welcome!

Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170

Have you thought about doing something different this fall? **Become a coffee hour volunteer!** Very little commitment but oodles of enjoyment.

Denni Hale, 614-733-8082
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Building & Grounds Adopt a Spot (for example, by the back entrance, along the curbs, etc.) Please help keep our grounds weed-free, neat, and tidy. If interested, leave your name, phone, and email in Steve Lovejoy's mailbox.

Steve Lovejoy, stephenqx5@gmail.com

Get Out the Vote Postcard Parties Saturdays, October 6 and 20, 10am-12pm on both dates. Join us to write postcards to encourage people to vote. Coffee and snacks provided.

Charles Miles, cmiles48@gmail.com

Francophones Bavard(e)s, the French conversation group, meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the First UU Library, 6-7pm. We are a small, informal group, and we'd welcome new members! The group is for anyone who has had some background in French, wants to practice speaking and listening, or is trying to develop skill in a new language. Our skill levels vary, so you are welcome to participate at whatever level seems comfortable. *Tout le monde est bienvenu!*

Kristen Figg, kfigg@kent.edu

Meals for Edith Espinal Edith remains in sanctuary at Columbus Mennonite Church. You can help by preparing a meal or by giving a grocery store gift card. Sign up at www.mealtrain.com/trains/r3y3ed.

Solidarity Table Our Sanctuary Team provides moral support, cookies and water, and "Know Your Rights" information, to those required to check in with ICE, usually on Wednesday. Our table is in front of the Leveque Tower, where the ICE office is located at 50 W. Broad St. Sign up at [Sign Up Genius](http://SignUpGenius.com).

Jan Phillips, jephillips4444@sbcglobal.net

Bookbites Tuesday, October 16, Slowter Lounge, 7-9pm. The topic is *Exploration*.

Kathleen Boston, [614-262-4025](tel:614-262-4025)

The Safety Team, in partnership with the Welcome Center and Hospitality Greeter Team, **is looking for volunteers** to assist with welcoming activities on Sundays. You would work two-hour shifts, one during the 9:15am service or one during 11am service on Sundays you are available. You would welcome visitors on Sunday, provide directions or church related information as needed, and communicate awareness of standard safety protocols.

Greg Denby, gdenby@yahoo.com

Flying Spaghetti Monster Dinner/Fundraiser Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 8, 6pm. Since 2012, First UU has sponsored this dinner, raising thousands of dollars for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. This year's dinner is co-hosted with the Columbus Coalition of Reason. We are seeking donations for a raffle and auction: gift cards, artwork, crafts, anything of value. Or a service, such as a guitar lesson or day trip. Please contact Phil at SpaghettiDonations@gmail.com. First UU's Atheist-Humanist-Skeptics Group is a member of COR, helping serve the Central Ohio community.

Wellspring Returns! If you have been part of our congregation's Covenant Groups in the past, or a similar program in another congregation, and would like an even deeper experience to help you clarify who you are as a person of faith, take a look at the UU Wellspring program that will begin on **Saturday, October 13**. Wellspring brings together study, reflection, small group sharing, daily spiritual practice, and spiritual direction, to provide an unparalleled opportunity to try new things and discover your spiritual depths. After an orientation on October 13, the group will meet twice a month until early June. There will be a \$40 fee for program materials, with scholarships available upon request. Please contact Rev. Eric for further information and to register.

UU Art: *Speak Up, Speak Out!* is the First UU members' art and poetry exhibit in the Gallery and Worship Center. A **Poetry Reading**, with poems about the art by First UU poets will be held on **Friday, October 5, 7:30pm**, in the Worship Center.

Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176

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Feed My Sheep food pantry Please bring peanut butter, feminine hygiene products, dog and cat food, diapers, and children's books. Please bring items to Fellowship Hall Sunday morning. First UU supports the Feed My Sheep food pantry in Mineral, Ohio, as a project of our Justice Action Ministry.

First UU Affiliate of Care and Share Time Bank stepping up its activities! Our church is an affiliate of the CSTB, and many of us at First UU are also members of the CSTB. If you are a CSTB member and would like to learn about activities eligible for time credits within the First UU Affiliate, the next time you're online, please add yourself to the First UU "Group"!

If you don't know what the CSTB is, please contact Stephen Lovejoy, the Coordinator of the First UU Affiliate at stephenqx5@gmail.com. He'd be happy to tell you all about it! You're also invited to attend our next orientation/introduction meeting in Room 7, Monday, October 15, 7pm.

First Friday October 5. Join us for a potluck at 6:30pm; family movie and board games at 7:30pm.

Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Linda Thompson, Historian

A bit of whimsy from the Archives—the missing and moving rooms!

Years ago, there was a room we called Petunia (the young people named it). That room was later known as Room 6. It was used as a classroom, a meeting room, and as storage and workspace for the Archives Team. In the many changes we have made since then, Petunia (Room 6) disappeared; that space is now part of the current women's restroom.

The Archives Team currently has a large closet next to the First UU Library for storage of the archives and is using the Library as workspace.

What is now called the Wiggle Room (at the back of the Worship Center) was also called the Family Room, and before that, the Cry Room.

Other changes that have been made:

- Where the front office is now, used to be called the Slowter Lounge, and it contained an unactivated water fountain.
- Where Slowter Lounge is now, used to be the minister's office.
- Where the Library and the Archives are now, used to be where the church office was located.
- What we know as Fellowship Hall was actually the original “worship center,” with a sunken floor. Now, a wooden floor covers the sunken area.

Which rooms will disappear or move in the next 40 years?

ALSO AT FIRST UU: Navigator Scouts

Navigator Scouts Do you know a child who has an interest in camping, archery, sewing, skating, or gaming? *Navigators USA* is a national inclusive scouting organization that aligns with UU values of acceptance, dignity and fun for all genders, neuro-divergences, beliefs/lack of belief and family make-up. For ages 5-12. Meetings are held the first and third Sunday, 4-5:30pm, with casual visiting at 3:30-4pm.

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CARING CORNER

Thank You: Our sincere appreciation to **Jim Hodnett** and **Joe Heimlich** who have donated their Yamaha parlor grand piano to our congregation. Join us in Fellowship Hall for music after the service to hear this fine instrument.

Congratulations to:

- **Kelly Blake**, who started her new permanent position with Sedgwick Claims Management on August 27. She'd like to thank everyone in the congregation for their support and encouragement during her transition from consulting. Nothing makes a hard road seem easier than good friends to walk it with you.
- **Kyle Pigman**, who won a Gold Medal in Bowling at Ohio's State Summer Games for Special Olympics Ohio.
- **Ben Sostrom** and **Jeff Horst**, who were married on September 23, at the Park of Roses, by Rev. Mark Belletini, former Senior Minister of First UU.
- **Wesley Thompson**, who is now working full time counseling youth in the foster care system

Happy Birthday to:

- **Kathleen Boston**, who turned 86 recently.
- **Garlena Bauer**, who celebrating her 80th birthday September 2.
- **Elizabeth Mount**, First UU's Director of Religious Exploration, who celebrated her birthday on September 17.
- **Evonne Mc Nabb**, who celebrated her 80th birthday on September 28.

Caring thoughts to:

- **Terry LeMaster**, who is back home, under hospice care, and welcomes company. (Please call first.)
- **Karin Erickson**, who had nasal surgery on September 19.

CALENDAR

- Adult Programs: 1st Thursday, 7-9pm
- All-Ages Book Group: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
- Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
- Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4th Tuesday, 7pm
- Bookbites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Board of Trustees: 4th Wednesday, 7pm
- BREAD Team: 3rd Thursday, 7pm
- Breakfast: Sundays, 8:45am
- Bridge Group (call 614-499-2434): 4th Sunday, 6pm
- Care and Share Time Bank: 3rd Sunday, 6:30pm
- Caring Team: 1st Tuesday, 7pm
- Chalice Choir: Thursdays, 7:30pm
- Coming of Age Team: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Cooking for Faith Mission: 1st & 3rd Friday, 12pm
- Covenant Group Facilitators: 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Engagement Team: 1st Thursday, 7pm
- Expressive Collage: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7pm
- Families with Young Children: 2nd Saturdays, 10am
- Finance Committee: 3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm
- Food Co-op: every 4th Wednesday, 1pm
- First Friday Potluck: 6:30pm
- Francophones Bavard(e)s: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
- Grief Recovery Method: Mondays, 7pm
- Hispanohablantes: Saturdays, 10:45am
- Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9:30am
- Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) Spiritual Sharing: 1st Wednesday, 12pm
- Justice Action Ministry: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Let's Talk About Faith: Wednesdays, 7pm
- Library Team: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30pm
- Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Meditation Workshop, Thursdays, 6:30pm
- Monday Men's Spirituality: 1st & 3rd Monday
- Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
- Navigator Scouts: 1st & 3rd Sunday, 3:30pm
- Nominating Committee: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm
- Peace Pals Choir: Sundays, 10:25am
- Poetry Group: 1st Sunday, 6pm
- Rainbow Connexion: 3rd Friday, 5:30pm
- RE Team: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm
- Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 6:45pm
- Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Scriptures Class: 3rd Saturday (except: 4th Saturday in January & May)
- Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 7:30pm
- Stewardship: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- This Month in Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
- Town Hall: 1st Sunday, after each service
- Trans Youth Support Group: 3rd Saturday, 2pm
- UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
- Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4th Wednesday, 1pm
- Women's Creative Circle: Mondays, 3-5pm
- Worship Team: 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm
- Young Adult Covenant Group: 1st & 3rd Sunday, 6:30pm
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm
- Zen Meditation Orientation: Sundays, 8:45am

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

- 5:30pm Internship Committee
- 7:00pm BREAD Listening Session – Chris

Friday, October 5, 2018

- 6:00pm Beloved Conversations Retreat
- 7:30pm Little Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, October 6, 2018

- 8:30am Beloved Conversations Retreat, cont'd
- 10:00am Postcards to Voters
- 11:00am BREAD Listening Session – Wesley

Sunday, October 7, 2018

- 12:30pm Youth Group Leadership/Planning
- 1:00pm BREAD Listening Session – Jef
- BREAD Listening Session – Alice

Friday, October 12, 2018

- 7:30pm Nathan Hamm Piano Recital

Saturday, October 13, 2018

- 10:00am BREAD Listening Session – Alice

Sunday, October 14, 2018

- 1:00pm BREAD Listening Session – Steve

Monday, October 15, 2018

- 7:00pm Care & Share Time Bank Orientation

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

- 4:00pm UU Clergy Cluster
- 7:00pm BREAD Listening Session – Steve

Saturday, October 20, 2018

- 10:00am Postcards to Voters

Sunday, October 21, 2018

- 12:30pm Youth Group Fun Day

Friday, October 26, 2018

- 7:30pm All Soles Contra Dance

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October 2018

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

October's theme: *Formation*

Sunday, October 7, 9:15am & 11am

Courage, Resilience and Risk

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart and Ministerial Intern Amanda Hays

Guest preacher Julica Hermann de la Fuente

brings us three stories about immigration, courage, resilience and risk.

Sunday, October 14, 9:15am & 11am

UU Principles Series: The Individual

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

Sunday, October 21, 9:15am & 11am

Family Trees

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

Sunday, October 28, 9:15am & 11am

Remembrance Sunday

Rev. Eric Meter and Director of Religious Education Elizabeth Mount